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THRU: Rear Admiral Samuel P. De Bow, Jr., NOAA
Director NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps
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FROM: Rear Admiral Richard R. Behn, NOAA
Director, Marine and Aviation Operations Centers

SUBJECT: Environmental Management System Self-Declaration Statement

Executive Order 13148, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management, requires that all Federal agencies implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) at appropriate facilities by December 31, 2005. The NOAA Marine and Aviation Operations, Marine Operations Center – Atlantic was identified as an appropriate facility within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to implement an EMS. Marine Operations Center – Pacific had previously completed the self-declaration in May 2005.

I am pleased to inform you that the Marine Operations Center-Atlantic has determined that its EMS conforms to the requirements of Section 401 of Executive Order 13148. This determination is based upon an external second-party audit conducted in accordance with the Department of Commerce's Environmental Management Manual. The audit was completed December 13, 2005. The audit included all elements of the NOAA EMS self-declaration questionnaire and reported only minor findings that we are working to correct. There were no classes 0 or class 1 findings that would prevent NMAO from self-declaring our EMS. A copy of the final Marine Operations Center-Atlantic EMS audit report outlining findings is attached.

NMAO began implementation of the EMS in July 2003 and has completed an internal audit and management review. The second-party auditors met all training and certification requirements and the audit was structured and conducted to address the requirements of ISO 14001, Code of Environmental Management Principles, and Executive Order 13148.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Marine Operations Center-Atlantic EMS Management Representative, James Schell, at 206-553-0121.

Attachment

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